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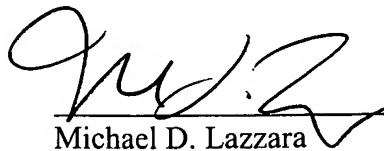
In response to the restriction requirement set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action, applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I (Claims 1-7, 25, and 26) for further prosecution in the captioned application.

The Group II claims (Claims 8-20, 21-24, and 27-29) have been canceled from the captioned application by the present amendment. Applicants submit, however, that these claims have been canceled merely to expedite prosecution of the present application, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein. Applicants reserve the right to file additional applications to pursue one or more of the canceled claims, among other potential claims.

Any questions regarding the present response are invited to the attention of the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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